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BERNARD GWERTZMAN (NY TIMES) CARRIES EAGLEBURGER STATEMENT
AND FOLLOWING OBSERVATION OF INTEREST: "SECRETARY OF STATE
HENRY A. KISSINGER MOVED TODAY TO DROP HIS PLANS TO FLY TO
SOUTHERN AFRICA AFTER TALKS THIS WEEKEND IN ZURICH WITH
PRIME MINISTER JOHN VORSTER OF SOUTH AFRICA.

THE SHIFT CAME ABOUT AFTER MR. KISSINGER WAS INFORMED, HOURS
BEFORE HE LEFT WASHINGTON, THAT KEY BLACK COUNTRIES IN
SOUTHERN AFRICA AND NATIONALIST GROUPS THERE PLANNED THEIR OWN
MEETING IN TANZANIA STARTING ON SUNDAY TO COORDINATE
THEIR STRATEGY FOR BLACK TAKEOVERS IN BOTH RHODESIA AND
SOUTH-WEST AFRICA.

REPORTERS TRAVELING FROM WASHINGTON TO LONDON TODAY ABOARD
MR. KISSINGER'S AIR FORCE PLANE WERE TOLD THAT THE BLACK

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AFRICAN MEETING HAD SURPRISED MR. KISSINGER AND FORCED HIM

TO ADJUST HIS ORIGINAL PLANS.

BARRING SOME UNFORESEEN DEVELOPMENT, MR. KISSINGER NOW INTENDS TO RETURN TO WASHINGTON ON TUESDAY. HE STILL HOPES HOWEVER, TO FLY TO SOUTHERN AFRICA THE FOLLOWING WEEK, PERHAPS AS EARLY AS SEPTEMBER 12 IF THE RESULTS OF HIS TALKS WITH MR. VORSTER AND THE AFRICAN MEETING PRODUCE ENCOURAGEMENT THAT AN AMERICAN NEGOTIATING EFFORT WILL BE SUCCESSFUL.

THE CONSTANT JUGGLING OF SCHEDULES AND TRAVEL PLANS HAVE PRODUCED AN UNUSUAL AMOUNT OF UNCERTAINTY ABOUT THIS KISSINGER MISSION....

IN THE AMERICAN VIEW, THE MEETING IN DAR ES SALAAM IS CRUCIAL FOR THE SUCCESS OF MR. KISSINGER'S OWN EFFORTS AT MEDIATION ON THE TWO DIFFERENT BUT RELATED ISSUES OF RHODESIA AND SOUTH-WEST AFRICA. THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE AMERICAN OFFICIALS TRIED TO RELAY TO REPORTERS ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT WAS THAT MR. KISSINGER, WHILE SURPRISED, WAS PLEASED AND NOT DISAPPOINTED BY THE SOUTHERN AFRICAN MEETING CALLED BY MR. NYERERE.

MR. KISSINGER FELT THAT THE AFRICANS, REPRESENTING DIFFERING GROUPS AND VIEWS, HAD TO COORDINATE THEIR POSITIONS IN ORDER TO MAKE THE NEGOTIATIONS WORTH ATTEMPTING. ORIGINALLY, MR. KISSINGER THOUGHT THAT THE AFRICANS WOULD GET TOGETHER AFTER HE HAD VISITED THEM, BUT HE THINKS NOW THAT MR. NYERERE'S PLAN IS PROBABLY A MORE FRUITFUL ONE.

ON SOUTH-AFRICA, THE AMERICANS HOPE THAT THE BLACK AFRICANS WILL ACCEPT WHATEVER CONCESSIONS MR. VORSTER MIGHT MAKE TO OPEN THE WAY TO FULLSCALE NEGOTIATIONS FOR INDEPENDENCE, INCLUDING THE PARTICIPATION OF THE PRINCIPAL NATIONALIST GROUP NOT INVOLVED AT THE MOMENT IN DISCUSSIONS, THE SOUTH-WEST AFRICAN PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION.

THE GROUP, WHICH IS LED BY SAM NUJOMO, IS DUE TO ATTEND THE DAR ES SALAAM MEETING ALONG WITH ANGOLA, WHOSE SOVIET-
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BACKED LEADER, AGOSTINHO NETO, WON POWER WITH THE HELP OF CUBAN TROOPS." ROBINSON

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